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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION ACCRA FROM SECSTATE NOV 23.

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SUBJECT: LOGISTICS SUPPORT FOR GHANA'S UNEF CONTINGENT

REF: ACCRA 7033

1. USG HAS RECEIVED NUMBER OF REQUESTS FROM UNEF PARTICIPANTS FOR ASSISTANCE IN PROVIDING EQUIPMENT FOR THEIR CONTINGENTS. SOME CASES HAVE BEEN HANDLED ON FMS CASH BASIS, WHICH WE ASSUME GOG UNABLE TO DO, AND WE HAVE ASKED THAT OTHERS BE REDIRECTED THROUGH UN CHANNELS. CONSIDERING GHANA'S DEBT SITUATION AND LACK OF FMS CREDIT AVAILABILITY IN FY 74, IT WOULD IN OUR VIEW SEEM BEST FOR GOG TO PRESENT THIS REQUEST DIRECTLY TO UN. ACCORDINGLY, WE SUGGEST THAT YOU RESPOND TO ASHLEY-LASSEN'S REQUEST ALONG FOLLOWING LINES.

2. USG APPRECIATES PROMPT ACTION BY GOG IN PRESENTING EQUIPMENT NEEDS FOR UNEF CONTINGENT. NORMALLY, WE WOULD URGE THAT AS MANY ITEMS AS POSSIBLE BE SUPPLIED FROM LOCAL INVENTORIES, BUT WE ASSUME IN THIS CASE THAT BULK OF EQUIPMENT REQUIRED IS UNAVAILABLE IN GHANA.

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3. WE FURTHER ASSUME THAT GOG DOES NOT WISH OBTAIN THESE ITEMS THROUGH FMS CASH PURCHASE, OR THROUGH APPLICATION OF FMS CREDIT PROCEDURES. FYI WE WOULD STRONGLY PREFER NOT TO FUND THIS EQUIPMENT THROUGH FMS CREDIT IN VIEW OF GHANA'S DEBT ARREARAGES AND LIKELY DIFFICULTY OF JUSTIFYING TO CONGRESS EXTENSION OF CREDIT AT THIS TIME. END FYI
4. WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT GOG ADDRESS THIS REQUEST, AS WE UNDERSTAND OTHER CONTINGENTS HAVE DONE, TO THE UN, WHICH WILL A) REVIEW REQUEST TO DETERMINE WHETHER REQUESTED ITEMS ARE APPROPRIATE, B) ESTABLISH SUPPLY PRIORITIES AMONG COMPETING REQUIREMENTS, AND C) FORWARD APPROVED REQUESTS TO USG AND OTHERS FOR SUPPLY ACTION.
5. YOU MAY WISH ADD THAT WE BELIEVE THIS MULTILATERAL APPROACH IS PREFERABLE TO BILATERAL CHANNELS AND WILL HELP AVOID DUPLICATIONS AND ENSURE THAT PROPER AND COMPATIBLE ITEMS ARE SUPPLIED TO UNEF CONTINGENTS. KISSINGER
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